



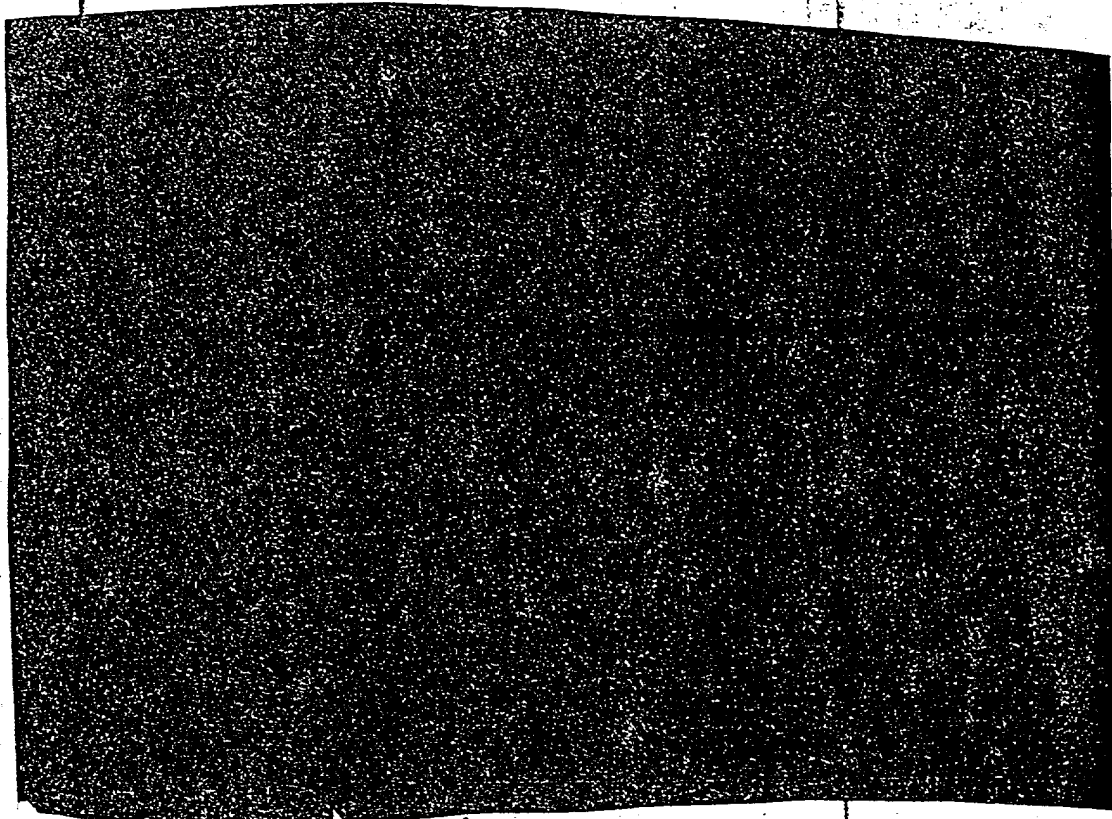
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### Political Developments

#### Tariq Aziz Going to Moscow

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz plans to go to Moscow on Sunday and meet with Soviet President Gorbachev on Monday, according to press reports.

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Comment: This trip follows closely on the visit of Soviet envoy Primakov to Baghdad, where talks with Saddam left Moscow with "some hope" for a peaceful solution to the Gulf war, according to the press report. Baghdad almost certainly hopes to exploit Moscow's public disapproval of the extent of the air campaign and to play up Iraqi claims that the bombing is aimed at civilians in an attempt to split the coalition. Aziz is likely to emphasize Baghdad's position that Moscow has a moral obligation to oppose US aggression.

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